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The finite Steinhaus problem asks whether every finite set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  with  $|A| = n > 1$  there cannot exist a set  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $|\pi(A) \cap S| = 1$  for every isometric copy  $\pi(A)$  of  $A$ . It is easy to see that holds for  $n = 2, 3$  and a recent theorem of Xuan (extending results of Miller-Weiss and Gao) shows the result for  $n = 4$ . We make some connections between this problem and certain algebraic concepts, and show the result for  $n = 5, 7$ . (Received September 17, 2013)